



STUDY 3 - MONDAY

Mark 11:12-25

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Watch video

1. What did Chris mean when he said one of his pet hates was religion? How did he define 'religion'? What are its dangers?
2. What did Jesus find when he went into the temple?
3. Read again Mark 11:12-14. Why did Jesus curse the fig tree?
4. See also John 2:12-25 regarding what Jesus did in the temple. Why was Jesus doing this?
5. Mark 11:20-21 – although this takes us to Tuesday, it's worth reflecting on how the fig tree Jesus had cursed, was found the next day. It is dead by the next morning! What was the point now being made?
6. BONUS BIBLICAL EXCURSES: See Hebrews 7:22ff. Jesus brings in a new covenant relationship. Law and ritual are replaced by relationship with Jesus and obedience to him. Jesus is able to save completely those who come to God through him. It's not flashy, but incredibly fruitful. Now see Hebrews 12:22ff – what does the writer mean by describing that we've come to Mt Zion - the heavenly Jerusalem?
7. See Mark 15:37-38. What was the significance of the curtain in the temple? And what was the significance of the curtain being torn down when Jesus died?
8. If Jesus comes to find fruit in us, what will he discover? What did Chris say was a helpful way to understand faith? How does faith show itself? See Mark 11:23ff.
9. Chris said that when the lid is put on our box, all our finances and super will be as it they were monopoly money. They will be worth nothing. Our arrogance due to pride in our achievements will be gone! How can we guard against arrogance and unforgiveness?

What new things did you learn in this study? What action will you take as we understand that Jesus will look for fruit in us?

Reflection: Does your relationship with God show the fruit of dependence and the fruit of forgiveness?